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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
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In Re the Application of: Dr. Rajinder S. Ranu
Serial Number: 09/975,842
Filed: October 12, 2001
For: Partial Gene Sequence from *Pelargonium* to Control Ethylene Levels in Geraniums
Group Art Unit: 1638
Examiner: Kallis, Russell
Assignee: Colorado State University through its agent Colorado State University Research Foundation

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

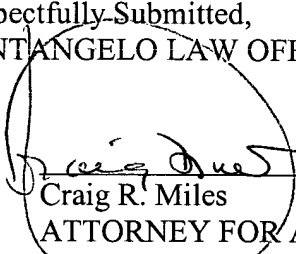
In official action, mailed December 17, 2002, Paper No. 5, the Examiner has required restriction in the above-referenced application. The Examiner has set forth claims 1-3 and 7-8 as Group I, claims 4-6, 9-11, and 14-15 as Group II, and claims 12-13 as Group III. A shortened statutory period of one month has been set, making a response to this action due on or by January 17, 2003. In response, this election is submitted.

The Applicant, after review of the Examiner's restriction requirement, hereby elects for further prosecution in the present application the invention of Group I, including claims 1-3 and 7-8 without traverse.

Dated this 14 day of January, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,
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